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RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDS FOR NEW MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING APARTMENT COMPLEX

First of its kind on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation

BELCOURT, April 29, 2010 — USDA Rural Development State Director Jasper Schneider today announced the award of a multi-family housing loan to Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop, Inc. Officials from USDA Rural Development, Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, North Dakota Department of Human Services and Turtle Mountain tribal leaders gather today to

celebrate the groundbreaking of a new eight unit multi-family housing complex on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation.



Check presentation to Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop, Inc. for \$724,200 – (L-R) Chairman Marcellais, Troy DeCoteau, TMBC Councilman; Janice Azure, TMBC Councilwoman; Jasper Schneider, State Director USDA Rural Development; Borgi Beeler, Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop, Inc.; Jolene Klein, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency; and John Bole, ND Dept of Human Services.

housing and provided funding for the apartment complex.

“This project would not be happening without the support of USDA Rural Development, ND Housing Finance Agency, the Turtle Mountain Tribal Council and the community,” said Borgi Beeler, President and CEO, Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop, “The result is that people with disabilities from Belcourt will be able to stay in their home community and receive needed support services,” Beeler added.



State Director Jasper Schneider addresses crowd at the ground breaking of a new multi-family complex on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation.

“Being a partner in this project is an important step toward meeting President Obama’s vision to provide all Americans with safe, well-built, affordable housing,” said Schneider. “We are pleased to play a vital role in helping to achieve the President’s vision in rural communities across North Dakota.”

After 11 years of providing vocational services to people with disabilities in the Belcourt community, Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop will now be able to offer residential services in an apartment setting. This opportunity was made possible because USDA Rural Development and the ND Housing Finance Agency recognized the need for



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The new apartment complex called, *Turtle Creek Apartments*, will consist of eight-one bedroom apartments for persons 62 years of age or older or persons with disabilities regardless of age. Funding for this project includes a \$724,200 loan from the USDA Rural Development's Section 515 Multi-Family Loan Program and a grant for \$695,800 from Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) administered by the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1,420,000 and is to be completed in late 2010.

Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop will also provide services to individuals living in the apartments with support from the North Dakota Department of Human Services, Developmental Disabilities Division. The project is the second of its kind in Rolette County, but the first to be built on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation.

The apartment complex will be built using green technology and will have a "Green Building Certification" when completed. This includes a high energy efficient building design and technology. Energy star appliances will also be part of the development.

In Fiscal Year 2009, USDA Rural Development provided **\$56.4 million** in housing programs, **\$79.7 million** in business and community programs, and **\$647.1 million** in electric programs to North Dakota citizens.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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